

TOWN OF TRURO
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2006

The Truro Board of Selectmen met for their weekly session on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. at the Truro Town Hall, 24 Town Hall Road, Truro. In attendance were: Chairman Alfred Gaechter, Clerk Christopher R. Lucy, Curtis Hartman, Town Administrator Pamela Nolan, Administrative Secretary Julie DuPree, Assistant Town Administrator Charleen Greenhalgh, Chief Prada, Al Silva, Chief Thomas, Bob Holt, Norman Pope, Derek Burritt of the Banner, and Steve Desroche of the Cape Codder. Jan Worthington and Gary Palmer were absent.

Mr. Gaechter convened the meeting at 6:03 p.m. He announced that two items on the agenda would not be acted upon: The firing range issue seems to be a non-issue, and the Poor's Hill conservation restriction cannot be acted upon since he and Mr. Hartman will recuse themselves.

Minutes: Mr. Hartman moved to approve the minutes of the regular and Executive Sessions of November 28, 2006, as presented, and to make public the Executive Session minutes. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Public Comment: none.

Fire training: The Board enjoyed a slide presentation by Chief Prada, compiled by Mr. Searcy, on the intentional burning of a portion of the former Pilgrim Springs Motel, the site of the proposed Tri-S Tradesman's Park. This exercise allowed the Fire Department to test the new fire truck using air compressed foam, which is a much more effective fire fighting tool. It was a very productive experience.

ATM Warrant opening: Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the opening of the ATM Warrant effective this evening, with total warrant to close February 6, 2007, and all articles requiring funding to close January 20, 2007. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Water Service Application for 217 Shore Road: Mr. Silva explained his application for expansion of existing water service. He is installing an indoor pool complex. The water service will be used only for drinking water and showers in the new facility. The pool water will be provided by their well. Mr. Gaechter reminded Mr. Silva of the bylaw that states pools can only be filled with water that is trucked in. Mr. Silva said that initially the pool will be filled with trucked in water, and they will just top off each year with well water (less than 25%). **Mr. Gaechter moved to approve Top Mast Motel for water use expansion for the indoor pool. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

Police Department appointments: Chief Thomas requested the Board make three-year re-appointments of twenty officers, providing a list. **Mr. Hartman moved to reappoint the officers as listed. Mr. Lucy seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.**

Revised letter of support: Mr. Gaechter has revised the letter of support for the CC Water Resources Restoration Project. **Mr. Hartman moved to endorse the letter as drafted and**

authorize the Chair to sign it on behalf of the BOS. Mr. Gaechter seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Resignation: Mr. Gaechter moved to accept with regret Judy Howard's resignation from the Truro Commission on Disabilities and that a letter of thanks be sent to her. Mr. Hartman seconded it. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Agreement with Wellfleet: Ms. Nolan has negotiated an agreement with Wellfleet for shared use of the vehicle for the Animal Control Officer. Wellfleet has agreed to provide the benefits for this position, and Truro will provide the vehicle that will be used by the Animal Control Officer. Discussion followed. Mr. Gaechter felt the agreement should be amended to reflect that Wellfleet will be paying benefits. **Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the agreement between the Town of Wellfleet and the Town of Truro to share in the costs of the Animal Control Officer and to amend the agreement to include the payment of benefits by the Town of Wellfleet. Mr. Hartman seconded it.** Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

MESA map and review informational meeting: Ms. Greenhalgh distributed a list of questions that has been compiled for Thursday's informational meeting. Mr. Hartman asked that she insure that all of the invited committees receive a copy. Ms. Nolan informed the BOS that she and Ms. Greenhalgh will travel to Westborough next Tuesday to meet with Natural Heritage regarding the Community Center. Discussion followed on the ramifications of their review of our Community Center project. Mr. Gaechter noted that this group will be invited to come before them in January, so Ms. Nolan should keep it non-confrontational on Tuesday, and just address the project. Ms. Greenhalgh recommended that the Board invite someone higher in the echelon than Ms. Haggerty to attend in January. She agreed to draft a letter of invitation for the BOS to review.

Town Administrator's Report: (action items)

- Reported that the Provincetown BOS have sent a letter to the NPS disagreeing with their rejection of the conclusions of the two studies on the dune shacks. Mr. Gaechter questioned if the Truro BOS should join Provincetown in their objection since some of these shacks are located in Truro. Ms. Nolan was directed to draft a statement of support for the BOS to review next week.
- Reported that at the last veterans group meeting Paul Morris suggested a new location for the monument. He would like to move the carpentry shop up to the DPW complex, and it's present location off William Gray Square would be a good site for the monument. The consensus was that this was an excellent idea. **Mr. Gaechter moved to approve in concept this location at Gray Square for the Veteran's Memorial, with the understanding that the BOS will be given a plan of what is proposed. Mr. Hartman seconded it.** Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Selectmen/Liaison Reports: (action items)

Gaechter: -Updated the Board on the North Truro Post Office matter. He has been in contact with Ms. Walker's replacement and will meet with him Friday morning. He will take him to the three potential sites: the Sateriale/Roderick site, Sonny's Garage, and the site next to

the current NT Post Office. Another advertisement for potential sites will be placed by the USPS.

- Reported that the Energy Committee wondered if the BOS wants to appoint anyone to be the ombudsman for the US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement to oversee and make recommendations for implementing this agreement in Truro. Mr. Gaechter said that Ms. Greenhalgh should act as technical advisor to this committee. **Mr. Gaechter moved to authorize the Energy Committee to serve as advisor to the BOS regarding the implementation of the US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement and that the ATA/Planner is to act as an ex officio consultant in that regard. Mr. Hartman seconded it.** Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Next week's agenda: Jt. Meetings with Planning Board and Beach Commission, renewal of annual liquor licenses. The Board will not meet the week of Christmas and New Year Day.

At 7:08 p.m. Mr. Hartman moved to adjourn, with Mr. Lucy seconding. Vote: 3-0, unanimous.

Alfred Gaechter, Chairman

Christopher R. Lucy, Clerk

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